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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/541,121	Applicant(s) DROUX ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1) Applicant's election without traverse of invention I, drawn on claims 1-17, in the reply filed on 10/1/2007, is acknowledged.

Claims 18-20 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Specification

2) Applicant is reminded of the proper format for an Abstract of the disclosure. The Abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to **a single paragraph** on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3) Claims 1, 4-6, 8-12, 15-17, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mirous (5,518,586).

Claims 1, 4, 10-11, 15: Mirous discloses a process of making a mat that includes glass fibers and cellulose fibers. The process includes mixing of chopped glass fibers

and hydroxyethyl cellulose fibers in an aqueous slurry, known in the art as "white water", and placing the slurry mixture on a screen to form a web, a wet fiber mat, the excess water being removed by gravity or by vacuum in a conventional wet process manner. The white water is cationic. Following the application of a binder, the mat is heat dried in an oven at temperature above 200 °C (col. 3, line 53 to col. 5, line 55, and Examples 1-5).

Claim 5: cationic dispersant is disclosed.

Claims 6, 12: the product composition is disclosed in the Examples.

Claims 8-9: white water viscosity is disclosed (col. 4, lines 1-14, and Examples).

Claims 16-17; the cellulose treatment is disclosed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4) Claims 2-3, 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mirous.

Claims 2-3: Mirous is applied as above for claim 1, Mirous is silent on the cationic Neutrality, however, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the

invention was made, that the cationic neutrality be in the claimed range depending on the product requirements.

Claims 13-14: Mirous is applied as above for claim 1, Mirous is silent on the product basis weight, however, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made, that the product basis weight be any weight including the claimed basis weight depending on the product requirements.

Conclusion

5) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone no. is 571-272-1190.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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